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## **Advisory Action**

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There reject	REPLY FILED <u>May 28, 2002</u> FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. efore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid the abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final tion under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for rance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in oliance with 37 CFR 1.114.
	THE PERIOD FOR REPLY [check only a) or b)]
a)	The period for reply expires three months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b)	The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).
ex ap se	Attensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate of the fees of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fees. The oppopriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the ailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).
1. 🗆	A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. 🗌	The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
(a)	they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b)	they raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c)	they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d)	they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.
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3. 🗆	Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s):
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4. 🗆	Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. 🛭	The a)  affidavit, b)  exhibit, or c)  Adequest for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:  Applicants are presenting new additional arguments which do not render the claims allowable after the prosecution on the merit is closed.
6. 🗆	The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. 🛭	For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
	The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
	Claim(s) allowed: None
	Claim(s) objected to: None
	Claim(s) rejected: <u>1-12</u>
	Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:
8. 🗆	The proposed drawing correction filed on is all approved or bludisapproved by the Examiner.
9. 🗌	Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). WILLIAM KORZOCH
10. 🗌	Other: SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800